



**City of  
Norfolk**  
Office of the City Manager

C: City Manager's Office

September 19, 2006

To the Honorable Council  
City of Norfolk, Virginia

Re: Resolution in support of the National  
League of Cities Race Equity Week

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I. **Recommended Action:** Adopt resolution.

II. **Overview**

The National League of Cities has designated the week of September 25, 2006 through September 29, 2006 as Race Equity and Inclusive Communities Week.

III. **Analysis**

A. **General**

The National League of Cities "Race Equity and Inclusive Communities Week" is designated each year to heighten awareness of the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment of the U.S. Constitution giving all persons born or naturalized in the United States the right to due process and equal protection under the law. Additionally, this week provides an opportunity for the City of Norfolk to join in partnership with local communities across the country to promote racial and ethnic equality, justice and inclusive communities as fundamental aspects of healthy communities.

B. **Fiscal**  
N/A

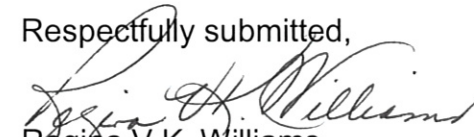
C. **Environmental**  
N/A

D. **Community Outreach/Notification**  
Public notification for this agenda item was done through the City of Norfolk's regular agenda notification process.

**IV. Conclusion**

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the attached resolution and declare the week of September 25, 2006 through September 29, 2006 as Race Equity and Inclusive Communities Week.

Respectfully submitted,

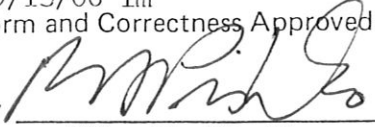


Regina V.K. Williams  
City Manager

**Coordination/Outreach**

This letter has been coordinated with the City Attorney's Office.

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## ORDINANCE No.

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 25, 2006 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 29, 2006 AS RACE EQUITY AND INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES WEEK AND AFFIRMING CITY COUNCIL'S COMMITMENT TO RACIAL EQUALITY AND SUPPORTING THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES ENDEAVOR FOR COMMITMENT THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

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WHEREAS, the National League of Cities is urging local officials across the country to join together in a Partnership for Working Toward Inclusive Communities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Norfolk in partnership with the National League of Cities is committed to promoting racial and ethnic equality, justice, and inclusive communities as fundamental aspects of healthy communities; and

WHEREAS, by Act of Congress of the United States dated July 9, 1868, the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment of the Constitution of the United States was adopted giving all persons born or naturalized in the United States the right to due process and equal protection under the law; and

WHEREAS, National League of Cities President James C. Hunt, Councilmember, Clarksburg, WV, has invited local officials across the country to renew their commitment to ensuring racial

equity, justice and inclusive communities for all during the week of September 25, 2006 through September 29, 2006, by reporting on successful programs and announcing specific action plans for the coming year; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Norfolk:

Section 1:- That the city Council does hereby declare the week of September 25, 2006 through September 29, 2006 as Race Equity and Inclusive Communities Week in the City of Norfolk and urges all citizens of Norfolk to join together to support this effort to increase educational opportunities, promote homeownership opportunities and economic advancement for all residents.

Section 2:- That the City of Norfolk reaffirms its commitment to ensure racial equity and justice in the City and to work with the National League of Cities to sustain this commitment throughout the country.

Section 3:- That this resolution shall be in effect from and after its adoption.